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Wm Lloyd Garrison Esq.

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Dear Sir

I have taken the liberty of writing a letter in answer to the questions you ask me, in your review of my German. I thank you very much for your laudatory notice of it & for publishing the lengthy Extract from it. I hope the letter will please you in its spirit. I hardly dare to hope that it will please you otherwise. It is written from my profoundest convictions and as such has the credit of honesty & earnestness how much soever it may fail in other graces. You need not publish it unless you choose: but if you do please to print the whole of it, as it is a unit in fact, however fractional it may be in appearance. It is somewhat lengthy but I trust not prolix. It takes space to answer short questions, especially







when those questions involve the whole  
subtle life of a great society & greater man.  
There are more shades & corrections than is  
pleasing to the eye, or than would have been  
made in a private letter. I am much more  
sensitive as to the form & dress of an idea  
when I set it before the public than when it  
is meant only for a private eye. Dishabille  
is allowable <sup>& among friends,</sup> at home, never, abroad. I  
trust you & the printer if you shall publish  
it will have no difficulty in correctly  
reading it. —

Yours very respectfully  
G. Haven

Cambridge port

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(Rev. Gilbert Haven.)



